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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 11675.99.2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
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 Phillip J. Ireland et al.)
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 Serial No.: 10/034,236)
) Art Unit
 Filed: December 28, 2001) 2812
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 For: METHOD OF MAKING A CONTACT STRUCTURE)
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 Examiner: H. Jey Tsai)
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 Confirmation No.: 9992)

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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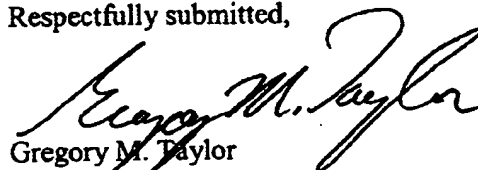
Sir:
In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated April 11, 2003,
Applicants have the following comments on the statement of reasons for allowance in the above-
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The Examiner stated that claims 1-43 recite "the combination of etching the sleeve insulator layer from the bottom surface within the lower bulk insulator layer above the semiconductor substrate, from the top surface of the upper bulk insulator layer, such that the sleeve insulator layer has a terminus at an interface between the upper bulk insulator layer and the cell plate insulator layer and extends to an opposite terminus that is above the semiconductor substrate, within the lower bulk insulator layer and below the capacitor dielectric layer."

Applicants note that all of these limitations are only recited in independent claims 7, 11, and 12, and are not all recited in independent claims 1, 13, 20, 27, 32, 37, and 43. Nevertheless, all of the allowed claims still present patentable subject matter.

Dated this 3rd day of July 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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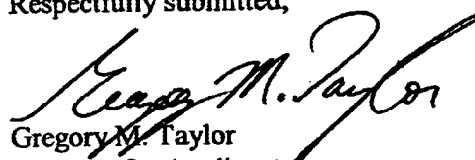
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